

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4674, by Representatives Schoesler, Cox, D. Sommers, Skinner, D. Schmidt, Thomas, Hankins and Benson

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy was born and raised on the family farm in Rosalia, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy attended Rosalia High School and Washington State College, graduating with a degree in speech in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy joined the Army Air Corps, and received his pilot's rating and commission as Second Lieutenant in 1940, and served as a flight instructor; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy was assigned to a B-29 Heavy Bombardment Wing, and participated with great courage in the bombing offensive against mainland Japan, and was shot down over enemy territory on December 3, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy endured the horrors of captivity as a Prisoner of War with dignity and honor until his release on August 29, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy returned to active duty in 1951 in the Korean War, and remained active in the reserve forces until he retired in 1975, with the rank of Major General; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy returned to Washington State, and was elected to the House of Representatives, serving the people of the Ninth District for sixteen years with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Representative Goldsworthy was chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the Republican Caucus, as well as serving as a member and chair on the Interim Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Goldsworthy, upon retirement from the House, was appointed to the Higher Education Council; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy belonged to many fraternal and military organizations, and was the State Commander of the Ex-Prisoners of War; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy received the Legion of Merit for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct in the Performance of Outstanding Services in 1975, and the Alumni Achievement Award from Washington State University in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy is a father of two children, Robert Jr. and Jill, and the grandfather of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy has enjoyed extensive worldwide travel, and has become an oil painter of note; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Goldsworthy has completed his oral history with the Washington State Oral History Program, to share his remarkable story of service to the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and congratulate Robert F. Goldsworthy on the occasion of the publication of his oral history, April 8, 1999; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Mr. Robert F. Goldsworthy.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4674 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 8, 1999.